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LETTER

Dear Sir:

The PTO issued an Office action on May 9, 2001 in the above-identified application. In Section 3 of the Office action, U.S. Patent No. 3,409,721 was cited with respect to a rejection under 35 USC 102(b). This patent was also cited later as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). However, this patent was not set forth on the Notice of References Cited (Form PTO 892), and no copy of this patent was enclosed with the Office action. It is respectfully requested that a copy of U.S. Patent No. 3,409,721 be sent to the undersigned, and that the period for responding to the Office action be extended to

give the applicant the opportunity to examine the patent and respond to it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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